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PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: GEORGIA: RESPONSE TO BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3 CHECK ON
LICENSE 050178881

REF: STATE 88038

¶1. Per reftel, Emboff made inquiries to representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MOIA) to verify the purpose of the transaction on license 050178881. Emboff first approached the head of the Border Police, Zaza Gogava, who did not have any knowledge of the transaction, despite the license noting that the articles were to be used by the Border Guards. Emboff then approached Natia Gvazava, Head of MOIA's International Relations Division. Emboff asked Gvazava the purpose of the grenades, if not for the Border Police. Gvazava responded that the procurements were made by the MOIA for law enforcement purposes.

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